

For Sale.

MacEwen, FRICKEL & Co.,
HAVE JUST LANDED FROM
THE AMERICAN MAIL
THE following STORES, in
Excellent Condition:-
Fresh Roll BUTTER.
Finest Comb HONEY, in Frame.
Do. Do. in Bottles.
Fresh APPLES.
Dried Sliced DITTO.
Boneless CODFISH.
Georges Bank Do.
Finest Eastern Factory CREAM CHEESE.
Mild California Do.
Smoked SALMON.
Family Meat BEEF, in 25 lbs. kegs.
Oregon Pickled OX TONGUES, very fine.
Family PORK, in 25 lbs. kegs.
American HAMS.
Do. BACON.
CORNMEAL, HOMINY, CRACKED
WHEAT.
OATMEAL, RYE FLOUR, BUCK-
WHEAT FLOUR.
CORN BRISMS, CORN WISPS.
Table FRUITS, Bartlett PEARS, APRICOTS, PEACHES.
Stuffed PEPPERS, ASPARAGUS.
APPLE SAUCE, CRANBERRY SAUCE.
OYSTERS, LOBSTER, SALMON, CLAM.
PEA NUTS, PECAN NUTS, BRAZIL NUTS.
CREAM OF TARTAR, SALERATUS.
Merrill's Eastern CIDER.
Winzlow's Celebrated GREEN CORN.
LIMA BEANS, SUCCATASH, SUGAR PEAS.
CALIFORNIA CRACKER Co.'s GINGER CAKES.
MILK BISCUITS.
ALPHABET BISCUITS.
OYSTER BISCUITS.
WAFER BISCUITS.
SODA BISCUITS.

Ex S.S. "GLENINLAS," and Late Arrivals.

SMYRNA FIGS.
Muscatel BLOOM RAISINS.
JORDAN ALMONDS.
Cooking and Table PRUNES.
Pudding RAISINS and CURRANTS.
Candied PEEL.
MINCEMEAT in 1-lb. tins.
VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.
CARAWAY SEEDS.
Bourbon's COCOATINA.
HAM TONGUE & CHICKEN SAUSAGE.
WESTHALL'S, Bologna, Oxford, and Truffled SAUSAGES.
GAME PIES.
Potted MEATS.
Prime Yorkshire HAMS.
Prime Wiltshire BACON in Tins & Canvas.
OX-TONGUES in JELLY.
TRUFFLES.

Champagne, &c.

HEIDSIECK & Co.'s MONOPOLE, Pints and Quarts.
ADOLPH COLLIN'S BOUZY CABINET.
MOMM'S (JULES) CHAMPAGNE, Pints and Quarts.
NEVEN'S (BOUZY) BOUZY, Pints and Quarts.
CHARLES HEIDSIECK'S WHITE SEAL, Pints and Quarts.
VEVEU CLUQUET PONSARDIN, Pints and Quarts.
TERPHELE RODERER & Co.'s VERZENAY MOUSSEUX, Pints and Quarts.
KROE'S CHAMPAGNE, Pints and Quarts.
PERRIER JOUET in Quarts.

Claret.

THIBCEUF (CHATEAU), Pints and Quarts.
CHATEAU LAROSE (COURCER & ADER'S), Pints and Quarts.
CHATEAU LAFITE, Pints and Quarts.
IREB GRAVES, Pints and Quarts.
BREAKFAST CLARET, Pints and Quarts.
OLD INVALID CLARET.
ST. JULIEN, &c., &c.

Burgundy, Hock, Sherries, &c.

Chambertin, Chablis (white), Liebfraumlich, Hockheimer, Niersteimer, Steinberger, Cabinet, Rudesheimer Berg, Konig, Victoria Brand, Chateau Yquem, Grand Vin, Haut Sauterne, Marsala, Saccone's Pale Dry White Seal Sherry, Yellow Seal Amontillado Sherry, Oudier Palmer and Company's Sherry, Invalid Port (1849), Hunt's Port.

Brandy, Whisky, Liqueurs, &c.
1, 2 and 3-star Hennessy's Brandy, La Grande Marquise Brandy, Oudier Palmer & Co.'s Brandy, Ruyver Guillet & Co.'s Brandy, 1 to 4 stars;
Finest Old Bourbon Whisky, highly recommended, Kinsman's Irish Whisky, Jameson's Irish Whisky, Royal Glendoe Whisky.

AVH Gin, Swaine Board & Co.'s Old Tom Gin; La Grande Chartronne, Green and Yellow, Maraschino de Zara, Curacao, Pils & Ols; Angostura, Bitter, &c., &c., &c.

BASS' ALE, bottled by CAMERON & SAUNDERS, Pints and Quarts.
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. & J. BUCKE, Pints and Quarts.
PILSENER BEER, in Quarts.
DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the Gallon.

SHLITZ MILWAUKEE BEER.
BUDWEISER BEER.
BOCA BEER.
ALMON ALE.
BLATZ MILWAUKEE BEER.
ALE and PORTER, in Bulk, (Bhd. and Kilderkins).

Ships' STORES of every description.
Hemp and Cotton OANVAs.
Russian, Manila, and Wire ROPE.
SAIL-MAKING and RIGGING promptly executed.

Specially Selected CIGARS.
Princesses CHEROOTS.
Cavite CHEROOTS.
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Arcoveros CIGARS.
Vegueros CIGARS.
Choice No. 1 Fortin CIGARS in Boxes of 100.
Choice No. 3 Melsig CHEROOTS.
Choice No. 3 Fortin CIGARS.

New Season's PRESENT TEA, in 5 and 10 Catty Boxes.
Hongkong, January 12, 1880.

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.
"OUR BOYS"
COMEDY COMPANY.
TO-MORROW EVENING,
TUESDAY, 27TH JANUARY, 1880.

TWO PERFORMANCES.
THE FIRST AT 3.30 P.M.
THE SECOND AT 9 P.M.
Grand Fairy Burlesque Pantomimeal Extravaganza, by HENRY J. BYRON, Esq., entitled

"CINDERELLA;
OR
THE LOVER, THE LACKEY, AND THE LITTLE GLASS SLIPPER."

The LATEST COMIC SONGS and SELECTIONS from H. M. S. "PINAFORE" and "THE SONGER."

Characters:
Prince Poppet (Prince of Salerno, and of Pretty Follies).....Mrs NORVILLE.
Dandino (his Valet, and a very deep one).....Miss MINNIE NORDT.
Alldoro (his Tutor).....Mr GEO. NORVILLE.
The Baron Balderdash (a slightly damaged edition of the "Last of the Barons," bound in calf, three vols. in one, by no means lettered, and very generally cut).....Mr G. CROFTON.
Buttini (A Page of the "Last of the Barons").....Mr THOMAS.
Clarinda (the Baron's eldest daughter, an oldish young person of the gushing order, very hard upon this, but remarkably soft upon the Prince).....Mr FRANK STUART.
Thibbe (the Baron's second daughter).....Mr H. T. BROOKES.
Cladrella (the Baron's youngest daughter).....Miss EMILY BLAIN.
The Fairy Queen (Cladrella's Godmother).....Miss L. GRATHAM.

LORDS, LADIES, LACKEYS, FAIRIES, &c., &c.

Prices of Admission:
Orchestra Stalls and Dress Circle, \$2.
Pit.....\$1.
Children under 12 years of age, Half Price.

Reserved Seats for the Dress Circle and Stalls can be secured at Messrs KELLY and WALSH'S, where a plan of the Theatre can be seen.

Doors open at 8.30; Performance begins at 9 p.m. precisely.

TO-MORROW AFTERNOON,
27th Jan., at 3.30 p.m., precisely,
"GRAND MATINEE."

Children Half Price. Amate in charge of Children 50 Cents.

TO-MORROW EVENING,
27th January, at 9 p.m.,
Positively the Last Appearance of the Company in Hongkong.

NOTICE.—It is requested that all Accounts be presented to the Undersigned for payment at the Hotel de l'Univers by 2 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, as the Company leaves Hongkong on THURSDAY, 29th Instant.

GEO. NORVILLE,
Business Manager.

Hongkong, January 26, 1880. ja28

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.
The Steamship
"KWANGTUNG,"
Captain ABBOTT, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 28th Inst., at Daylight, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARAIK & Co.,
Hongkong, January 26, 1880. ja28

FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.
The Steamship
"BENARTY"
shortly expected, will have quick despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 26, 1880.

NOTICE.
THE Business CONDUCTED by me in Bombay, both independently of, and connection with, the Firms of Messrs E. D. SASSOON & Co. of CHINA, will from this Date, be Carried on under the Style or Firm of E. D. SASSOON & Co.

E. D. SASSOON.

WITH Reference to the above, We have This Day Admitted Mr JACOB ELIAS SASSOON and Mr SASSOON JACOB DAVID as PARTNERS in our Firms in Bombay and CHINA.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.
Bombay, 1st January, 1880. fa26

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:-

Moses B. Tower, American barkentine, Capt. C. Hall—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
MIDDLESEX, British barkentine, Captain A. Walsh.—Borneo Company.
PRINCE FREDERICK, British ship, Capt. John Clague.—Vogel & Co.
MABEL, American barkentine, Capt. Francis Hallett.—Captain.
ALICE REED, American barkentine, Captain Killoran.—Vogel & Co.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.
MAILS will close:-
For MANILA.—
Per brig Villa de Rivadavia, at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, the 27th inst.

For YOKOHAMA.—
Per S. S. Sunda, To-morrow, the 27th inst. Registry closes at 5.15 p.m. Mail closes at 5.30. Paid Correspondence may then be posted in the moveable box on board the Packet.

For SHANGHAI.—
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For SAIGON.—
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To-day's Advertisements.

TO LET.
FOREIGN HOUSES, containing Six Rooms and Out-Houses; Also, CHINESE SHOPS and HOUSES in the HOLLYWOOD ROAD.
Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, January 26, 1880.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
Jan. 25, City of Tokio, American steamer, 5079, Matur, San Francisco Dec. 27, and Yokohama Jan. 20, 52,782 pgs. Flour, 164 pgs. Ginseng, 31 pgs. Quicksilver, 7,683 pgs. Merchandise, 14 pgs. Parcels, 752 boxes Treasure (\$1,122,907), and 12 pgs. Mails.—P. M. S. S. Co.

Jan. 26, Nizam, British steamer, 1727, A. E. Barlow, Bombay Jan. 6, 7.15 p.m. Gale 11, 1.5 p.m., Penang 16, 6 p.m., and Singapore 18, 5 p.m., Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Jan. 26, 8.30 p.m., Gordon Castle, British steamer, 1312, W. Varior, Amoy Jan. 25, noon, Tea and General.—ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

DEPARTURES.
Jan. 25, Mrelaus, for London, &c.
25, Chin-tung, for Saigon.
25, Hai-chang-ching, Chinese gunboat, for Macao.
25, Chop-ching, Chinese gunboat, for Macao.
25, Chop-sat, Chinese gunboat, for Macao.
25, Chang-wan, Chinese gunboat, for Macao.
25, Ulyssa, for Amoy and Shanghai.
26, Foochow, for Swatow, &c.

CLEARED.
Kwangtung, for Coast Ports.
Winlow, for London.
Samuel D. Carleton, for Batavia.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.
Per City of Tokio, from San Francisco and Yokohama, Judge J. D. Eaton, wife and maid, Mr. A. J. Eaton and wife, Rev. Wm. Ashmore and wife, 2 Europeans, and 688 Chinese.

Per Nizam, for Hongkong: from Southampton, Mr. A. Percival and European male servant, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Brown and infant, Mr. N. McL. Hartigan, 2nd Lieut. A. J. Lawford, Mr. F. C. Parker, 2nd Lieut. J. L. Armitage, and Lieut. L. W. Lane; from Bombay, Messrs Worcester and Coats; from Penang, 10 Chinese, and 2 Chinese for Swatow and 4 Chinese for Amoy; from Singapore, Mr. W. Douglas and servant, Mr. R. A. Gutierrez, Capt. and Mrs. Bridgion, and 105 Chinese.—For Shanghai: from Southampton, Mrs. Butler, child and infant, Mr. Linsley's amah, and Mr. Forster's two amahs; from Brindisi, Mr. A. Lind.—For Yokohama: from Southampton, Mrs. Friend, Mr. J. Ross, and Miss Rose.

Per Gordon Castle, from Amoy, Captain Graham, wife and 3 children for Gibraltar.

Per Sindh, for Shanghai: from Hongkong, Messrs C. Holliday, Ths. Wear, W. R. Eastlack, Ferreira Pinto and daughter; from Marseilles, Mr. Wang Mu Chung, Mrs. Li Pium, Mrs. Paterson and daughter; from Saigon, Mr. Thivet; from Colombo, Messrs Tronction, Hallin, and Grongier.

Per Mancelais, for Singapore, Mr. T. W. Wright, and Mr. A. L. S. del Agula.

Per Chin-tung, for Saigon, about 550 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The British steamer Nizam reported: From Singapore to the Scarborough Shoal, moderate N.E. monsoon with high sea; thence strong N.E. gale with much rain to arrival.

The British steamer Gordon Castle reports: Fresh breeze to moderate gale from North to N.N.W. and continual rain.

CARGOES.
Per American ship Southern Cross, Hongkong to San Francisco, sailed 17th Jan.: 14,720 bags Rice, 515 bags Tapioca, 58 bags Coffee, 60 bags Pepper, 1,700 bales Hemp, 262 bales Gamber, 1,068 rolls Matting, 20 cases Hats, 2,787 boxes Oil, 500 boxes Wine, 618 boxes Soy, 724 boxes Flour, 1,417 boxes Tea (Canton) 23,340 lbs., 171 pgs. Paper, and 2,053 pgs. Merchandise.

Per German barque Frederick Perthes, Hongkong to New York, sailed 21st Jan.: 3,603 rolls Matting, 46 pgs. China-ware, 113 pgs. Cane, 6 pgs. Merchandise, 15 cases Lanterns, 610 cases and 30 cases Preserves, 65 cases Soy, 4,645 half-cases and 110 boxes Tea (Canton) 188,000 lbs.

Per German barque Marco Polo, sailed 19th January:—For Havre, 646 cases China-ware, 245 rolls Matting, 200 cases Gallants, 32 cases Paper, 299 pgs. Cane, and 6 cases Blackwood Ware; for Hamburg, 11 bales Duck feathers, 135 pgs. Cane, 1,000 boxes Cassia Lignea, 680 rolls Matting, 850 cases Gallants, 46 cases China-ware, 30 cases Ginger, and 20 pgs. Sundries.

Per S. S. Teucer, Hongkong to London, sailed 20th January:—3,334 lbs. Sorts, 1,151 rolls Matting, 14 pgs. Silk Piece Goods, and 368 pgs. Sundries; for New York, 2 pgs. Silk Piece Goods, and 114 rolls Matting; in Transit, 500 pgs. Tea.

Per German brig Sophie, sailed 21st January:—For Hamburg, 644 cases Gallants, 3 cases Ginger, 30 cases Camphor, 165 cases Cassia Lignea, 80 bales Duck feathers, 308 cases Stainedwood, 100 pgs. Cane, 50 rolls Matting, 10 cases Paper, 100 cases Cassia Buds, and 17 pgs. Sundries.

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For BANGKOK.—
Per Rajanathnagar, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the 29th inst.

The Conquest, is postponed till further notice.

For JAPAN via KOBE.—
Per Nigata Maru, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the 6th February.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.
The British Contract Packet Bokhara will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 28th Instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Brindisi or Southampton; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
The French Contract Packet Traouaddy will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 4th February, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, the Australian Colonies, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

HOURS FOR CLOSING
THE ENGLISH MAIL.
Day of Departure.—
5 P.M.—Money Order Office closes.
5.30 P.M.—Post Office closes till 8 P.M., except the NIGHT BOX, which is always open out of Office hours.

8 P.M.—Post Office opens.
9 P.M.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

10 P.M.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.
10.10 P.M.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents until

10.30 P.M.—when the Post Office closes entirely.
10.40 P.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 18 cents until time of departure.

In consequence of the ALTERATION of the Hour of Departure of the FRENCH PACKETS, it will be necessary to revert to the former arrangements for closing the Mails, viz., by French Packet only:-

Wednesday,
10 A.M.—Registry ceases. Posting of printed matter and Patterns ceases.
11 A.M.—Ordinary Mails closed.
11.10—11.30. Late Letters received with 18 cents extra postage.
11.40. Supplementary Mail on board, with same Late Fee, until time of departure.

Quotations.
HONGKONG, January 26.

Opium.—New Patna, cash...\$602½
" Old " cash... 560
" New Benares, cash... 575
" Old " cash... 555
" New Malwa, credit... 750
" Allowance Teals...
" Old Malwa, credit... 800
" Allowance Teals...
Exchange.

Bank, Wire... 3/9½
" Demand... 3/9½
" 30 days sight... 3/10
" 4 months sight... 3/10 ½
Credits, 4 " 3/10 ½
Documentary, 4 months sight, 8/10 ½
India, Wire... 22½
" demand... 22½
Shanghai, demand... 73
" 80 days sight... 73 ½
Gold Leaf, 99½ fine... 27.
Sovereigns... 5.26.

Shares.
Hongkong Bank, 61 ½ prem.
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,425, buyers.
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,425, buyers.
North China Ins. Co., Tls. 1,200.
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Tls. 755.
Chinese Insurance Co., \$300.
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$325, sellers.
China Fire Ins. Co., \$215, sellers.
H.K. & W. Dock Co., 10 ½ prem. buyers.
H.K. & C. M. S. Boat Co., \$22 prem. buyers.
Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 10.
China Coast St. Nav. Co., Tls. 107.
Hongkong Gas Co., \$75.
China Sugar Refining Co., \$160.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1874, nominal Do. of 1877, do.

Temperature.
(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)
HONGKONG, January 26.

Barometer—9 A.M. ... 30.372
Do. 1 P.M. ... 30.350
Do. 4 P.M. ... 30.350

Thermometer—9 A.M. ... 48
Do. 1 P.M. ... 47
Do. 4 P.M. ... 48
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. 47
Do. Do. 1 P.M. 45
Do. Do. 4 P.M. 45
Do. Maximum ... 48
Do. Minimum over night 44

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.
Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Mr G. R. Lammert, at his Sales Rooms.
3 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Plants at Mr J. M. Armstrong's Sales Rooms.

Amusement.
3.30 p.m.—"Grand Matinee" at the City Hall.
9 p.m.—"Cinderella" at the City Hall.

General Memoranda.
WEDNESDAY, January 28:—
Daylight.—Kwangtung leaves for Coast Ports.
11 p.m.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

THURSDAY, January 29:—
Goods per Sunda undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.
9 p.m.—"Sorecerer" at the City Hall.

FRIDAY, January 30:—
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the H. C. & M. Steamboat Co., Limited, at No. 50A, Queen's Road.

WEDNESDAY, February 4:—
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.
1 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

SATURDAY, February 7:—
Daylight.—Mitsui Bishi Mail leaves for Yokohama via Kobe.

WEDNESDAY, February 25:—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
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Hongkong, June

judiciously softened and there was nothing in the slightest way offensive. The name of the play has secured for itself many a fairly large house. To speak of the merits of "Pink Dominoes" is to do the numerous works in which the French or founded on French plays, which have made Mr. Albury's name famous. The dialogue is poor, and there is little scope for character acting. The interest and the great popularity of the "Pink Dominoes" lie in humorously equivocal situations, the nature of which may best be suggested by a statement of the plot. In the first act we find Lady Maggie Wagstaff (Miss Emily Blain), wife of Sir Percy Wagstaff (Mr. Geo. Norville), a man about town, quietly chaffing Mrs. Greythorne (Miss Minnie Nordt) for her simplicity in believing her husband Charles Greythorne (Mr. Geo. Crofton) to be the most constant and devoted of men. Mrs. Greythorne is willing to have her husband put to any test, and the ladies find from that morning's paper that there is to be a Grand Masked Ball at Oremore's where each to send to the husband of the other letters asking them to meet them at a certain time and place and take them to the ball. The place is vouchered for as a highly respectable resort by Mrs. Greythorne for her husband frequents it; she has more than once found Oremore programmes in his pocket. Mrs. Greythorne, pretending he has had a telegram requiring his immediate presence on business at Manchester, goes to Oremore as a matter of course, whither also betake themselves Sir Percy and Mr. Jo Joyn Tubbs (Mr. Stuart), an old gentleman described as in the dry goods line, whose wife has left him for a day or two for the first time for thirty years. Henry Greythorne, (Mr. Claremont), a nephew of Mr. Tubbs, and Rebecca (Miss L. Graham) a demure serving maid, whom the ladies have employed to write their letters and who, finding another domino which her mistress has worn before, has resolved to have a little fun on her own account. The wretched, masked and wearing pink dominoes, appear at Oremore, and pair off with one another's husbands. The fact of Rebecca, who pairs off with Henry, also wearing a pink domino gives rise to great fun. The ladies of course behave most decorously, each of them prudently telling Mr. Brisket, "of Oremore," (Mr. Brooke) to call the gentleman out of the private dining-room whenever three knocks were given. After they have made their escape, Rebecca, flushed with wine, is mistaken in turn by each husband for his fair charmer, and undergoes much kissing, which she accepts with an alacrity that surprises and delights them. Of these Mr. Joyn Tubbs also comes in for a good share, after the pretty ballet girl who dined with him had deserted him. All got home safely after an eventful night. Next day Mrs. Greythorne is bitterly reproachful to her faithless husband, who, however, turns the tables on her, with the help of his friend Percy, who had discovered the trick played upon them, by vowing that he knew who had written the letter to him and only went to the Oremore to have revenge on his wife for doubting him. Fresh complications ensue, when the husbands, having made it up with their wives, find, on comparing notes, that the ladies had behaved with unparadise freedom in letting themselves be kissed so readily. The ladies themselves take to quarrelling over the revelations made by the men; and this is the grand scene. Mr. Brisket brings back a bracelet which had been found in one of the rooms. The owner of that must be the third domino who alone drank champagne like water and was guilty of promiscuous kissing. Mrs. Joyn Tubbs (Mrs. Norville) returns at this moment and claims the bracelet, a point which was capitally given and as well taken by the audience. Then the secret is out. Henry had got this bracelet to take to the jeweller for repair; and had under the influence of wine made a present of it to his partner who turns out to be Rebecca as is proved by the third pink domino in the house having been worn and torn on the previous evening. Matters smooth down again, and when we have been told that "on reflection we'll come to think, there's a good moral in the Dominoes Pink," the curtain falls and all is over. We haven't been able to find much of a moral yet, but probably that is due to the weakness of our reflective powers. Any one can see the hundred comical situations the plot gives rise to. The piece was well put on the stage; the scene in the gardens being specially good; the company acted well together and there were marks of their great ability throughout, although as we have said there was little chance for any display of really good acting. Mr. Crofton did capitally the young merchant from Manchester, and in the scene of forgiveness he and Miss Nordt scored a great success. Miss Emily Blain, as Lady Maggie Wagstaff had a capital part to play and played it to perfection. Mrs. Norville's Mrs. Joyn Tubbs was one of her happiest efforts and her change to the rollicking ballet-girl was smartly and capitally done. The best part of the piece is the old dry goods line man, Mr. Tubbs, and a capital exponent the character found in Mr. Stuart; his representation of the old man eager to see fast life, in enjoyment of it to the extreme, his resort to the champagne when left alone and the condition into which it ultimately led him, as also his penitent and prostrated condition the day after his spree, were capitally given. He has the sterling quality as a low comedian. Mr. Brooke as Brisket was smart and true to life. Miss Graham did not enter into the spirit of the piece so well as we have seen her do when in somewhat similar roles in other pieces in the Garrison Theatre; nor was her representation of the hypocritically demure and innocent maid in one scene and the vivacious reveller at another quite up to what we expected of her. Mr. Claremont had very little to do as Henry Greythorne and with his doing it we were not satisfied, because we know there is greater ability in him than he manifested in this piece. Mr. Norville deserves the highest credit for the way in which the whole piece was put on the stage. To-night the Company give in the Garrison Theatre "The Lesson in Love," of which we have spoken so highly, and to-morrow there will be two performances of H. J. Byron's great Christmas burlesque "Cinderella," one in the afternoon specially for ladies and children, the other at the usual hour in the evening. The Management has been liberal enough to invite all the children of the Garrison to the entertainment to-morrow afternoon, and for these little ones no charge will be made. We understand there may be yet another performance, as the Company will not now go to Canton.

MACAO.

Jan. 26.

H. E. Liu, Viceroy of Canton, arrived here yesterday at about 8 a.m. and at 9.30 landed under salute from the batteries and guard of honour and proceeded to Government House to call on H. E. Governor Graca. A brilliant reception awaited the Viceroy, who seemed most agreeably surprised.

Governor Graca is the first Governor of Macao who has had the honour of a visit from the Viceroy of Canton, and H. E. Liu asserted that he was moved to make the personal acquaintance of Senhor Graca on account of the courteous correspondence that had passed between them both.

At 1 o'clock p.m. H. E. the Viceroy and suite, accompanied by H. E. the Governor of Macao and his staff, embarked and proceeded to the Chinese gunboat in the inner harbour, and shortly after H. E. the Governor bade adieu to his illustrious guest, and under a salute from the gunboat came on shore.

Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

Monday, Jan. 26.

THE TABLES TURNED.

Li Ayang, a shop coolie, was charged with assaulting one Chan Aki, a contractor, on the evening of the 24th instant. Complainant in this case stated that on the evening in question he accidentally knocked against the defendant in the Queen's Road. Prisoner said "now take care, you are not a lukong now." Witness replied "No, and when I was I never arrested you." Complainant then went to an opium shop to make a purchase. On leaving he saw defendant along with a number of his friends and was afraid they meant to attack him. Defendant rushed up to the complainant and was arrested by a constable.

Evidence was then called for the defence, by which it was proved that the complainant was the aggressor and that his story from beginning to end was untrue. His Worship discharged the defendant in the sum of \$5, in default to suffer fourteen days' imprisonment with hard labor for giving false evidence.

LAWYER.

Teang Aitn was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labor for larceny of two jackets valued at \$1.40. Defendant admitted having been in gaol in 1876 as a rogue and vagabond.

A BROTHEL ROW.

William Quinn, a seaman on board the S. S. *Ulysses*, and Thomas Sampson, a marine on board H. M. S. *Hart*, were charged with creating a disturbance and committing an assault in a brothel, and the latter with being a straggler from his ship.

The first defendant was fined \$1, in default two days' imprisonment; the second cautioned and sent on board his ship.

DRUNK AND INCAPABLE.

Joseph Anderson, a seaman on board the ship *Prince Frederick*, admitted the charge of being drunk and incapable in the public streets yesterday, and was fined \$1, in default, two days' imprisonment.

UNLAWFULLY DETAINING A CHILD.

The case in which two women were charged on Tuesday last, the 20th instant, with unlawfully detaining a girl with intent to sell her, and which was remanded till to-day, was not heard as Mr. Plunkett was unable to attend the Court.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE "CHIT" SYSTEM.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

27th January.

SIR,—I read with interest your article on the "chit" system of credit so common in this colony, in which you advised the tradespeople to reject this method of payment, in self-defence against the possible casualties which may be perpetrated under its shadow. In this, Sir, I believe we are all at one with you. But, as a comparatively new resident in this place, your remarks seem to me not pushed far enough, nor indeed altogether in the right direction. As you suggest, abolish "chit"; but let also the prices be lowered at the same time. Having some little experience in travel, I know no place where the charges of the tradespeople are so exorbitant as in Hongkong. Freight is very low and have been for some time, labour is cheap, bread and meat are cheap, and yet London and Paris prices are often exceeded a hundred per cent! As long as folk can get their prices, *tant mieux*; but will this conservative community carry its conservatism so far as to put up with it for ever? In London a few Co-operative Societies have succeeded in bringing tradespeople to their senses, and, spite of parliamentary and ecclesiastical influence exerted by their opponents, still continue to do so. Surely we might profit by the lesson; and a society similarly founded might offer a safer field for investment than many of the tempting baits displayed to the dazzled gaze of the non-business community; and at the same time help them to lay up a larger purse to carry away to their native land, where chits and compradores will see them no more.

TOKIO.

NEWS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Nizam*, with London dates to the 19th ult., and Singapore dates up to the 18th arrived this afternoon. We append the usual summary of news:—

TELEGRAMS.

London, Dec. 31.—It is stated on the best authority that the Afghan War may be considered as ended.

Kabul, Dec. 30.—The fighting is all over. *Alahabad*, Dec. 31.—It is reported that Tahir Khan, son of Mahomed Sharif Khan at present residing at Dhera Dhum, has taken Musa Khan, son of Yakob, and fled towards the Wazirak country. Troops have been sent in pursuit. News from Gandamak to Jellalabad states that heavy firing was heard in the direction of Juggulunk. The following are the arrangements:—Col. Norman, with seven days' supplies, takes the 25th Punjab Infantry, two guns and some cavalry to Luttahund. Half the bat-

talion of the 19th Sikhs and a troop of the 10th Bengal Lancers occupy Sei Baba. The troops at Juggulunk will be, one company of the 51st Light Infantry, half battalion of the 45th Sikhs two guns, and a squadron of the 10th Bengal Lancers. Two guns and two companies of the Sappers and details of the 1st Brigade left behind will hold the Juggulunk Kotah. Three companies of the 51st, three companies of the 22nd Punjab Infantry, and some guns will be at Pezwan. The remainder of the 51st, two companies of the 12th Foot, and the remainder of the 22nd Punjab Infantry and some guns will hold Gundumuk. These movements will be carried out at once. Colonel Norman will command from Sei Baba to Luttahund, and Colonel Aton from Pezwan to Juggulunk. Butkhak will be held by troops from Kabul.

Calcutta, Dec. 31.—Lieut. Kitson, 60th Rifles, has been appointed Aide-de-Camp to the Viceroy. Major Sir R. Sandeman has arrived, and is the Viceroy's guest.

Calcutta, Jan. 1.—General Roberts telegraphs from Kabul on the 28th.—General Baker's force marched twelve miles yesterday and was then within six miles of the fort of Mir Buxa, the principal offender amongst Kohistanis. Several headmen of the Kohistan logar and other districts have sent to inquire if they may come in, showing that the dispersal of the enemy was very complete and their punishment severe. They are reported to have lost nearly 3,000 in killed and wounded during the fortnight's fighting. Captain Tucker, the political officer who accompanied General Gough's brigade from Gundumuk, returns there at once, and will, I hope, succeed in restoring communication. A messenger arrived to-day with telegrams from India up to 24th; no letters. The weather is fine and clear, but very cold. Private Wood, of the 92nd, died yesterday of his wound received on the 23rd. General Roberts telegraphs from Kabul on 30th December.—General Baker's force reached Mir Buxa's fort without opposition and found the fort deserted, and destroyed it. The force returns to Kabul to-morrow. Sei Baba has been occupied by 200 men from Juggulunk. The 3rd Sikhs march from Kabul to-morrow to hold Latabund until relieved by a regiment from the Khyber line. The thermometer marked 16 degrees of frost last night. General Bright telegraphs that a force marched on the 30th from Barikab against some villages that have been prominent in recent attacks on our posts. The places were completely surprised, and the inhabitants surrendered without a shot. Their headmen were all secured and brought into camp. The operation was very complete and successful.

Alahabad, Jan. 1.—General Hills, Governor of Kabul, has assumed charge of the city. Most of the houses were found looted. A great want of ammunition is complained of, there being less than 300 rounds per man and gun all round. The Ghilzais opposed General Gough's advance at Juggulunk. There was smart fighting. General Gough was four days in ignorance of the state of affairs at Kabul, never having received General Roberts' messages. Reinforcements are being sent to Juggulunk from Gundumuk. Two companies of the 12th Foot left Jellalabad on the 31st for Gundumuk. Among the conditions under which the British were to have been permitted to return to India, Mahomed Jan stipulated that Yakob Khan was to have been sent back to Kabul, and two British officers of high rank left as hostages for the fulfilment of the contract.

Madrass, Dec. 30.—In consequence of ill-health Sir Neville Chamberlain has resigned the Madras command from March. Sir Edwin Johnson has been appointed his successor.

A road fit for field artillery is being made from all the gates towards the city and Siah Sung, also round Shepur, and two bridges are being prepared for the Kabul River.

Paris, Jan. 2.—Monsieur Freycinet, Foreign Minister, has had an interview with the German Ambassador here, at which assurances of a pacific nature were exchanged.

London, Jan. 3.—Lieutenant General Whitmore has been appointed Military Secretary to His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief. Advice has been received of Mr. Parnell's arrival at New York.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 8.—At a grand review and dinner here to-day, the (zar and Czarowitz greeted each other in the most cordial manner. This is regarded as an indication that their late differences are at an end.

Berlin, Jan. 5.—The *North German Gazette*, in pointing out that the German Ambassador at Constantinople made representations to the Porte in support of Sir A. Layard in the Mullah affair, lays stress upon the friendly relations which exist between the two countries Germany and England.

London, Jan. 6.—A serious riot has taken place at Carragee in Ireland, in consequence of the ejectment of a tenant. The rioters were fired upon and afterwards charged with the bayonet. Several were wounded in the affray.

Cape Town, Jan. 6.—Mr. Bok, Secretary of the Boer Committee, has been arrested on a charge of treason. He has been accused, *London*, Jan. 6.—The latest bulletin respecting the Czarina's health states that Her Majesty has had a relapse.

Alahabad, Jan. 6.—Megalla Khan, son of the late Arala Khan Kharak, who was harassing the line of communication between Surkhab and Juggulunk, has been granted a free pardon by General Roberts, and has sworn by the Koran to hold the road free from theft and annoyances.

London, Jan. 7.—The Irish Government will advance £250,000 from the Church surplus towards relief works.

The Board of Trade Returns of Imports for the past month amount to £33,375,000, showing an increase of £3,750,000 as compared with the same period last year.

The Board of Trade Returns of Exports for the past month amount to £18,500,000, showing an increase of £2,000,000 as compared with the same period last year.

London, Jan. 7.—The *Times*, in a leading article, hints at the probability of the appointment of Sir Garnet Wolseley as Commander-in-Chief of India on the retirement of Sir Frederick Slesbie. The *Times* approves of the appointment.

(L. & C. Express, Dec. 19.)

It is announced that M. Shevelf, a Russian merchant in the China trade, has been provisionally entrusted by the Russian Government with the execution of a plan for the establishment of regular steam communication between the ports of China, Japan, and Eastern Siberia. By the terms

of the proposed contract M. Shevelf will receive from the Government a mileage subsidy of three paper roubles per Italian mile, and will commence operations next year.

In order to multiply and strengthen relations with Egypt, the Russian Steam Company intends starting a regular weekly steamer from Odessa to Alexandria, which will always touch at Constantinople, and alternately call at Syria and Smyrna. The same company has made an arrangement with the South Russian railway lines and some foreign ones concerning direct communication with the ports of India and the Far East.

Latest Mail Advice.—Yokohama (via San Fran.) Oct. 31, Shanghai Nov. 1, Fochow 2, Hongkong 3. The P. & O. mail, with the advices dated as above, from China and the Straits Settlements, was delivered, via Brindisi, on Saturday evening, the 19th inst., the Japan advices being anticipated by those received, via San Francisco, on the 11th inst. The next inward mail, ex Messageries Maritimes steamer *Arcturion*, will reach London this evening, via Naples.

His Excellency Mr. Samoshina, Japanese Minister in Paris, has returned to his post from Madrid, where he represented his Sovereign as special envoy at the marriage of King Alfonso. His Excellency was received, in private audience, before his departure, by the King and Queen, and his Majesty conferred upon him the Grand Cordon of Isabella the Catholic. The members of his mission also received decorations.

His Excellency Li, with Lady Li, arrived in Paris from Marseilles on the 7th inst., and left for Berlin on the 9th. H. E. has not visited the President of the Republic during his sojourn in France.

The Czar of Russia has conferred the Order of St. Andrew of the First Class upon the Mikado of Japan, and the Order of the White Eagle upon Iwakura, the Prime Minister.

The departure of the *Comus*, 14, screw corvette, 2,388 tons, 2,300 horse power, Capt. J. W. East, for the China station has been postponed. She will leave early in the new year.

The steamer *Oceanic* has been docked at Liverpool. She left Hongkong for London, via Suez, on the 23rd of Oct. The passage through the canal, notwithstanding that she is the longest vessel that has ever gone through, was accomplished with perfect ease and safety on the 20th ult.

Gibraltar was passed on the 27th, and after encountering the full fury of the gales which recently prevailed along the coast of Portugal and the Bay of Biscay, the *Oceanic*, was safely moored in Victoria Dock, her grace and beauty of model, clean appearance, and perfect order eliciting the highest encomiums. Indeed, it was difficult to believe that a vessel which had been for nearly nine years in commission on the Atlantic and Pacific, doing such service, should have so much the appearance of a new ship. On the 9th inst. she started once again for Liverpool in ballast, and arrived all well on the evening of the 11th. It is expected that she will again be ready to leave for China early in March.

The Judicial Committee has decided that the Governor of a Crown Colony is not so privileged as to be protected in his public acts from prosecution in the Courts of the colony which he administers. Sir A. Musgrave, Governor of Jamaica, had detained a British vessel at Kingston, and in the local Courts damages to the extent of £14,000 were given against the Governor for such detention. He appealed to the Judicial Committee, who dismissed his appeal, with costs.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. S. S. *City of Tokio* arrived here yesterday. The following telegrams are from the American files brought by her:—

London, Dec. 19.—A gentleman connected with chemical works has informed the Glasgow Philosophical Society that, after experiments since 1866, he has succeeded in obtaining crystallized forms of carbon, which Professors Tyndall and Smith, and Mr. Maskelyne, of the British Museum, do not doubt are diamonds.

Dec. 20.—Steps for procuring a writ of error in the case of Arthur Orton, the Tichborne claimant, are being taken by Lord Rivers and Guildford Omden. The solicitor for the claimant writes to the newspapers denying that the writ of error was applied for under Dr. Kenesly's advice, and asserting that the Doctor cannot, and will not, be employed as counsel in the case. He says there is no authority for the statement that the case will be taken to the House of Lords, as the arguments cannot last longer than one day.

Dec. 25.—It is understood that favourable administrative measures regarding the press may be looked for before the end of the Russian year.

A path correspondent hears from good authority that Count Sudoloff, Austrian Minister at Madrid, will succeed Count Zichy at Constantinople; and that Count Kalnoky, Austrian Ambassador at Copenhagen, will succeed Baron Langens at St. Petersburg. Both of these appointments are said to have special significance.

Dec. 14.—A Constantinople correspondent reports that it is feared that the agitation in Bosnia and Herzegovina will terminate in an insurrection against Austro-Hungary.

Dec. 21.—A despatch from Madrid says the Polemic tone of the Press becomes more bitter daily, and the Government continues its prosecutions against newspapers. In the past ten days the Government has prosecuted seventeen journals, of every shade of opposition. Numerous arrests of noted Federals have been made.

The Russian Army bill was passed from patriotic motives, but its passage must not be regarded as a vote of confidence in the Ministry.

The famine in Silesia is gradually increasing. Telegrams from Sofia state that sixty Mohammedan refugees, whom the Bulgarian Government had refused to admit to their former homes, died of cold and starvation in the open fields.

Greensted, Dec. 26.—Almost continuous fog has prevailed on the Thames for 18 days past, detaining the fleet of inwards-bound ships. Wednesday night the fog lifted for a few hours and some vessels got away, but about eighteen remain, among them the steamer *Hooper*, from Boston, November 27th, is anchored here since her arrival, the 10th instant.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—In a letter from Professor Nordenskiöld, the Arctic explorer,

to the Russian Geographical Society, he advocates the establishment of a regular navigation line to the mouth of the river Yenesei, Siberia. He even believes that the mouth of the river Lena may be regularly reached from Russian America. With a view to this end he proposes the establishment of life boat and hospital stations on the Siberian shores.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The Chamber of Deputies have appointed a committee to inquire into the penitentiary system in New Caledonia.

In the Senate, to-day, M. Lepere, Minister of the Interior, replying to a member of the Right, said the Municipal Council, in abolishing the annual charge of 12,500,000 francs in the Municipality of Paris for the repairs of the churches and the maintenance of the clergy, had exceeded its powers, and that he had annulled their decision.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—There being still no reduction in the Russian troops in Poland and Lithuania, Austria, acting probably with an understanding with Germany, deems it necessary to prepare to increase her forces in Eastern Galicia.

Rome, Dec. 25.—General Avezzano, one of Garibaldi's most famous companions in arms, is dead. He was President of the Italian Irredentia Committee.

London, Dec. 26.—A Berlin despatch reports that the Russian University statutes, which have been for some time in the course of revision, will, next year, become law. All the alterations tend in one direction—they will place the students under the very strictest military discipline.

Vienna, Dec. 26.—Notwithstanding Mukhtar Pasha's proclamation, the Albanians are not submitting quietly to the cessation of their territory to Montenegro. They have created great disturbances at Prizrend, where they plundered and set fire to two Greek churches and several houses belonging to Christians.

Vienna, Dec. 15.—The Russian circular to the Powers, urging such collective action at Constantinople as will settle the Guejio affair, has been answered by Austria-Hungary and Germany, who declare themselves unable to comply with the request. On the ground that such a step would create new difficulties.

London, Dec. 14.—A St. Petersburg despatch says that Russian revolutionary papers are being smuggled into Russia from Switzerland. One has been discovered containing a letter from Vera Sassulitch, explaining her attack on Trepoif.

THE AMERICAN SENATE AND THE IRISH AGITATION.

WASHINGTON, December 9th.

The following joint resolutions in regard to Irish affairs were introduced by Frost in the House and referred:—

Whereas, it appears that the people of Ireland are seriously threatened with the horrors of famine; and whereas, the destitution and suffering that are now prevailing and that are likely to increase are in a great measure due to the system of land tenure which obtains in that unfortunate country; therefore

Resolved, by the Senate and the House of Representatives, that Congress view with the most earnest and heartfelt sympathy the efforts now being made by patriotic Irishmen to ameliorate the condition of their beloved country, and extends to the Irish people its sincere wish for their endeavours to obtain for themselves and their posterity the inestimable boon of equal laws and self-government.

The following was offered by Gillette, of Iowa:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives, first, that we cordially sympathize with the people of Ireland in their present alarming condition from threatened famine and in their efforts to obtain relief from the oppressive landlord system.

Second.—That we request the President of the United States to communicate to Her Majesty's Government our hope that some just arrangement may be early made, by which Irish peasantry may become owners of the soil they cultivate.

China.

SHANGHAI.

(News.)

Last Friday morning the announcement of the death of the wife of the Rev. Wm. Muirhead appeared in these columns. Yesterday morning at the Union Chapel, the Rev. Thomas Taylor selected as the text of his discourse John xii, 28, "Where I am they shall also be my servants be," and preached the sermon by dwelling at some length on the long course of Christian labour in which the deceased lady had been engaged, and which had been productive of much good amongst the Chinese, especially as regarded women and children, many of whom had made frequent and earnest enquiries about her during her illness.

After referring to her kindness to the sick and the hospitality so frequently experienced at her hands, the rev. gentleman expressed the hope that Mr. Muirhead would receive the benefit of the earnest prayers of the congregation, and that he might, after this sad dispensation of Divine Providence, be still more fitted to comfort others in like circumstances with the consolation which he now received himself from God. The subsequent discourse was appropriate to the occasion and the service was felt to be an impressive one by all present.

Japan.

(Japan Gazette, January 12-17.)

There are 1,500 Japanese residents in Fusan, Korea.

The Tokio fu-kwai will shortly assemble to deliberate upon preventive measures against the spread of fire in Tokio. This is a matter which cannot too soon be taken up, and it is a gratifying circumstance to find citizens of the capital are not blind to its importance.

The ministers of the home and finance departments will leave for Osaka next month to perform the ceremony of opening the exhibition to be held there.

The branch office of the mint within the enclosure of the finance department, is nearly completed. It will soon be officially opened for the reception of bullion. Nothing is said as to where the bullion is to come from, which is an awkward omission.

The *Mar Niha Shinbun* states that during the half year ending 31st December, 1879, the government withdrew from circulation 1,800,000 yen in currency, leaving a balance still floating of 114,190,800 yen exclusive of the national banks' note issues.

There is a mistake somewhere. Saton in circulation on 1st July, 1879, were stated by the Finance Minister to amount to 113,427,992, and if 1,800,000 have since been redeemed the circulation is reduced

to 111,627,992. True a fresh issue of 2,562,808 yen may have since been made, but why was it not declared?

His Excellency Tanaka, Vice-Minister of Education, will shortly proceed to Loochoo with the object of introducing the Japanese system of education into those islands.

His Excellency Tokudajiri, of the Imperial Household, has been appointed superintendent of the committee of construction of the new imperial palace. This building will, it is anticipated, be completed in 1887; and the cost will be three and a half million yen.

His Excellency Inouye returned to Tokio on the 11th instant, and has resumed the active duties of his office.

The expenses of cholera preventive measures in Japan exceed one million yen.

A coal mine is said to have been discovered in the island of Yagashima, Okinawa ken.

The *Akeshono Shinbun* asserts that the government have finally decided to accredit their Excellencies Kuroda, of the Colonization Department, and Yamada, of the Public Works, as special commissioners to the Chinese government in the matter of the Loochoo question.

Yesterday (Jan. 14) being the Russian New Year, the event was celebrated on H. I. R. M. man-of-war *Krayser* by a festive gathering in the evening. The Duke of Genoa and two Aides de Camp, the Admirals of the French and Russian squadrons and Mr. Pelikan, Russian Consul for Yokohama, were among the guests invited. A theatrical performance by the seamen formed a portion of the evening's amusement and passed off very successfully.

The *Echo du Japon* publishes as important news the following rumours. His Excellency Okuma, Minister of Finance, is to be created chief of a new department of Commerce. H. E. Matsuzata, Vice-Minister of Finance, to be chief of another new department of Agriculture. His Excellency Inouye, on his return from Peking, will assume charge of the national finances. The police, now under the control of the Home Office, will be transferred to the Judicial Department. These changes will necessitate the dismissal of some five thousand functionaries, and our contemporary says that the return of his Excellency Sanjo is anxiously expected as the signal for this general official subversion.

YOKOHAMA.

The Reverend W. F. H. Garratt, M.A., who has been since 1874 the chaplain of the English Church at Yokohama, is, we believe, about to leave for England, and it is said that if he should return to Japan to resume his apostolic labours, his office will be that of a missionary to the heathen. As we proffer our respectful farewell to the reverend gentleman we recall his numberless good acts; his untiring labours; his quiet but munificent charities; his generous gifts to the church in which he officiated, and his sincere devotion to the precepts of his sacred and beloved calling. In a mixed community such as ours is, the position of a clergyman presents many and great difficulties. In his congregation are to be found Presbyterians, Lutherans, and Dissenters, so that unless the chaplain speedily obtains the respect and confidence of his cure of souls, sectarian discords will rule where harmony and peace should reign. Mr. Garratt has been fortunate in his career amongst us. His church is united; he has won the respect and affection of the members of his congregation; and he will leave Japan carrying with him the warm regards of men of other churches who have learned to admire the simple and unostentatious generosity and kindness of heart of a worthy son of the noble English Church.

It is rumoured, says the *Nichi Nichi Shinbun*, that an order for one million *tokus* of rice has been received at Yokohama from the United States.

Yesterday, the 16th, the representatives of the Fukuoka ken appeared before the Genro-in and presented a petition for the establishment of a national assembly. The document was received by Moriama, secretary of that department.

A chamber of commerce is established in Yamagata ken. A. Hasegawa is the chairman.

THE "BORUSSIA" DISASTER.

The following reports of this great disaster are to hand by the American Mail:—

Mails.



STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDIE,
TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-
AMPTON, AND LONDON,
VIA BOMBAY;
ALSO,
BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
BOKHARA, Capt. W. D. ANDERSON, will
leave this on WEDNESDAY, the 28th
Instant, at 11 p.m.
Tea and General Cargo for London will
be conveyed via Bombay without tranship-
ment, arriving one week later than by the
direct route. Silk and Valuables will be
transferred to the Calcutta steamer at
Galle.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. McIVER, Superintendent.
Hongkong, January 15, 1880. ja29

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF
TOKIO will be despatched for San
Francisco, via Yokohama, on WEDNES-
DAY, the 4th February, at 1 p.m., taking
Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the
United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Inland Cities of the United States via Over-
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.
Freight will be received on board until 2
p.m., the 3rd February. Parcel Packages
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same
is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland
Cargo should be sent to the Company's
Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 13, 1880. fed

MITSU BISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA KOBE.

THE S. S. NIGATA MARU, Captain
WALKER, due here on or about the
2nd February, will be despatched as above
on SATURDAY, the 7th Feb., at Day-
light.

Cargo received on board and Parcels at
the Office up to 9 p.m. of 6th February.
No Bill of Lading signed under \$2
Freight.

All Claims must be settled on board
before delivery is taken, otherwise they
will not be recognized.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

To KOBE.....Cabin \$60. Steerage \$15.
" YOKOHAMA & Do. \$75. Do. \$20.
" NAGASAKI.....Do. \$75. Do. \$20.
A REDUCTION is made on RETURN CABIN
PASSAGES.

CARGO AND PASSENGERS for Nagasaki
will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail
Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the
Company's OFFICES, No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD
CENTRAL.

Hongkong, January 24, 1880. fed

Occidental & Oriental Steam
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL
and
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES
AND
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. BEIGO will be despatch-
ed for San Francisco, via Yokohama,
on WEDNESDAY, February 25th, 1880, at
3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers (to
Japan, the United States, Mexico, Central
and South America, and Europe).

Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 24th February. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-
SAGE TICKETS.

Consular Invoices to accompany Over-
land, Mexican, Central and South American
Cargo, should be sent to the Company's
Offices addressed to the Collector of Customs,
San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight
and Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, January 17, 1880. fed

Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;
ALSO,
PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 4th February,
1880, at Noon, the Company's S.S.
IRAOUADY, Commandant GAUVAIN,
with MAELS, PASSENGERS, SPECIES,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.
Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on
the 3rd February, 1880. (Parcels are not
to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)
Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.
For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, January 22, 1880. fed

To Let.

FOR STORAGE.

IN GODOWNS, PRAYA CENTRAL, from
the 1st February next.

Apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 21, 1880. fed

TO BE LET, FURNISHED, from 1st
February next—"EXCELSIOR,"
ROBINSON ROAD. On view by appointment.
EDMUND SHARP,
Supreme Court House.

Hongkong, December 29, 1879.

TO LET.

FOUR-STORYED HOUSES in Holly-
wood Road.
A HOUSE in Lyndhurst Terrace.

Apply to E. R. BELILIOS.

Hongkong, December 27, 1879.

TO LET.

A FIRST-CLASS STONE FLOORED GO-
DOWN, Situated upon MARINE LOT
10. Possession from 1st December next.

Also, the Two HOUSES, Nos. 14 and
16, Stanley Street, now in the occupation
of the TEMPERANCE HALL. Possession
from 1st December.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

TO LET.

ON MARINE LOT No. 65, FIRST-CLASS
GRANITE GODOWNS.
Apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

Insurances.

SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE
COMPANY.

FIRE AND LIFE.

INSURANCES against FIRE granted at
Current Rates. Considerable Reduc-
tion in Premium for LIFE Insurance in
China.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 2, 1879. 2jn80

SWISS LLOYD
TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY
OF WINTERTHUR.

INSURANCES granted on MARINE
RISKS to all parts of the World.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 3, 1879. 3jn80

YANGTZE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 206,370

TOTAL CAPITAL AND AC-
CUMULATION, 25th
April, 1879.....Tls. 856,370

Directors.

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
M. W. BOYD, Esq. Wm. MEYER, Esq.
O. LUCAS, Esq. S. D. WEBB, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH.

Messrs BARRING BROTHERS & Co.,
Bankers.

FULLARTON HENDERSON, Esq.,
Agent.

8, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, E.C.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all
parts of the World.

Subject to a charge of 12 1/2% for Interest
on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS
of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS will be
annually distributed among all Contributors
of Business in proportion to the Premium
paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1879. 10080

Insurances.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit,
are distributed annually to Contributors
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the nett amount of Premium contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against Fire to the extent of
\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Saigon and Penang.
Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.
If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to
ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

of
His Majesty King George The First,

A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—
Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either
here, in London or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling
of which is paid up £ 100,000
Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000
Annual Income £ 250,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared
to grant Policies against FIRE, to the
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or
on Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1876.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h*, near the Kowloon shore *k*, and those in the body of the
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Bombay	2 h	Giggins	Brit. str.	740	Jan. 15	Kwok Acheong		K'loon Dock
Chefoo	4 h	Williams	Brit. str.	684	Jan. 24	Butterfield & Swire	Yama & S. F. Co.	4th prox.
City of Tokio	5 c	Maury	Amer. str.	6079	Jan. 26	P. M. S. S. Co.	Hohow & Halphong	
Conquest	4 h	Elphick	Brit. str.	318	Jan. 17	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Europa	5 h	Lamont	Brit. str.	528	Jan. 24	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Fame	5 h	Stopani	Brit. str.	117		H. K. & W'poo Dock Co.		Tug Plying
Foochow	5 c	Thomas	Brit. str.	709	Jan. 24	Butterfield & Swire	Y'ow, Amoy & Shanghai	To-day
Kwangtung	5 h	Abbott	Brit. str.	674	Jan. 23	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports	28th daylight
Malacca	5 c	Reeves	Brit. str.	1044	Jan. 21	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	Mails
Norna	5 h	Love	Brit. str.	608	May 31	Kwok Acheong		Coast Dock
Olympia	5 c	Nagel	Ger. str.	783	Jan. 22	Meyer & Co.	Saloon	
Paladin	5 h	Parkes	Brit. str.	897	Jan. 10	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Nagasaki	K'loon Dock
Rajanattianhar	2 h	Hopkins	Brit. str.	933	Jan. 22	Kuen Fat Hong	Gangkok	80th daylight
Sea Gull	8 h	Haydon	Amer. str.	48	Mar. 24	China Traders' Insurance Co.	Yokohama	Mails
Sunda	5 c	Reeves	Brit. str.	1000	Jan. 11	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Saloon	29th daylight
Swatow	5 c	Hutchison	Brit. str.	820	Jan. 4	Butterfield & Swire		K'loon Dock
Thales	5 c	Peters	Brit. str.	820	Dec. 26	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Amoy & Shanghai	To-day
Ulysses	5 c	Guard	Brit. str.	1560	Jan. 23	Butterfield & Swire		
Sailing Vessels								
Aldon Bease	4 k	Noyes	Amer. bgo.	842	Dec. 16	Rozario & Co.	Portland	
Alice Reed	4 c	Killeran	Amer. bgo.	873	Dec. 6	Vogel & Co.	New York	
Bonito	4 c	Wesenberg	Ger. bgo.	624	Dec. 12	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Havre	
Brunette	7 c	Dow	Brit. bgo.	375	Jan. 20	Order		
Bus Case	2 c	Lange	Siam. bgo.	338	Jan. 2	Chinese		For Sale
Carl	4 c	Thomsen	Ger. bg.	225	Dec. 20	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Charité	5 c	Gautier	Feb. bgo.	255	Jan. 24	Carlowitz & Co.		
Claro Babuyan	4 c	Polson	Brit. bgo.	358	Nov. 29	Vogel & Co.	London	
Colom	2 h	Noyes	Amer. bgo.	852	Jan. 20	Rozario & Co.		
Duke of Abercorn	5 c	Binnie	Brit. sh.	1049	Jan. 4	Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Emma	5 c	Michelberg	Ger. 3m. sh.	233	Jan. 20	Captain		
Empire	7 c	Leckie	Amer. sh.	1131	Dec. 5	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Floral Star	4 c	Davidson	Brit. 3m. sh.	244	Jan. 21	Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Frederick	3 c	Schoer	Ger. bg.	360	Jan. 14	Chinese		
Garibaldi	3 c	Forbes	Amer. bgo.	670	Dec. 24	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	Wanchai Pier
Glandier	5 c	Jones	Brit. bgo.	1081	Jan. 16	Melchers & Co.		
Goshal	5 c	Donzau	Siam. bgo.	542	Nov. 25	Wo Tye Hong	Hamburg	
Harmonie	5 k	Schiphorst	Ger. sch.	241	Nov. 26	Vogel & Co.	Taiwan	put back
Haydn Brown	7 c	Havener	Amer. bgo.	865	Dec. 11	Melchers & Co.		
Hazel Holmes	3 k	Milligan	Brit. bgo.	405	Jan. 22	Vogel & Co.	Honolulu	
Hecla	3 c	Day	Amer. sh.	1529	Jan. 19	Order		
Hermine	2 c	Countran	Swed. bgo.	289	Dec. 26	Eduard Schellhass & Co.		
Highlander	4 k	Hutchinson	Amer. sh.	1352	June 19	Vogel & Co.	London	
John Nicholson	7 c	Campbell	Brit. sh.	685	Dec. 9	Vogel & Co.		
Lady Aberdour	3 c	Hutchinson	Brit. bg.	782	Jan. 15	Captain		
Mabel	8 c	Hallett	Amer. bgo.	815	Jan. 13	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Mary J. Leslie	7 c	Barking	Brit. bgo.	1101	Dec. 12	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
Middlesex	7 c	Walah	Brit. sh.	98	Jan. 17	Siemens & Co.		
Montiara	4 c	Schneider	Ger. sch.	570	Dec. 27	Chinese		
Morning Star	2 h	Michelson	Siam. bgo.	637	Nov. 80	Vogel & Co.	New York	
Moses B. Tower	8 c	Hall	Feb. bgo.	329	Jan. 22	Carlowitz & Co.		
Paul Marie	5 k	Galland	Brit. sh.	1490	Dec. 29	Vogel & Co.	London	
Prince Frederick	4 c	Blague	Amer. bgo.	884	Nov. 26	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Saml. D. Carleton	7 c	Vincent	Amer. sch.	81	Aug. 27	W. H. Ray		
Spartan	3 k	Clough	Amer. sh.	1090	Sept. 5	Russell & Co.		
Sumatra	3 k	Kaemena	Ger. bg.	255	Jan. 17	Melchers & Co.		
Tartar	3 c	Jamus	Span. bg.	274	Jan. 16	Brandao & Co.	Manila	To-morrow
Villa de Rivadavia	3 k	Dunton	Amer. bgo.	953	Jan. 23	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
W. A. Holcomb	7 k	Barker	Brit. bgo.	466	Nov. 28	Vogel & Co.	London	
Winlow	4 k							
WHAMPOA								
Fantasia		Jooper	Brit. bgo.	693	Dec. 15	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	London	
Hermine		Meyer	Ger. bgo.	350	Jan. 21	Eduard Schellhass & Co.		
Isopride		Johannsen	Ger. str.	1136	Jan. 9	Siemens & Co.		
Roderick Hay		Nicholson	Brit. bgo.	280	Jan. 14	Turner & Co.	Tientsin	
Sophie		Bang	Ger. bg.	209	Jan. 21	Carlowitz & Co.	Hamburg	
CANTON								
Envy		Croard	Chil. str.	920	Jan. 23	C. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	